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OUT OF MEXICO AT LAST.

We are on our way out of Mexico. Soon we are to send an ambassador to Carranza. The expedition has taught us many things about our national guard, about our army, about our war department, about our natural defense, and about Mexico. It has cost us over \$100,000,000. But to us that is a mere bagatelle. We can afford to pay that for a lesson. The question is do we know a lesson when we see it and have we learned it? As for Mexico—good bye and good luck.

FATHER TIME WAITS FOR NO MAN.

Time flies. Here is the first of the month upon us again. Bills to get out, statements to mail, bills to pay. The latter is the most pleasant thing in the world when you are able to pay them. Hustle and pay them because "Pay-Up Week" will soon be upon us. Then the State Christian Endeavor Convention—and we must show the visitors a good time. Hurry, hurry—the Automobile Show is coming and we must get ready for that. Don't forget the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Convention will soon be here. Rush and bustle—The Modern and Woodmen are coming. And so it goes. We don't believe Father Time would move any more slowly if we turned the clock ahead two hours and saved a whole lot more of daylight. If we believed we could get our share of that \$100,000,000 a year—that the nation would save by turning the clock ahead an hour—we'd try it.

THE BONE-DRY BILL ON ITS WAY.

Oregon will soon have a "bone-dry" law. There has been a good deal of fuss about getting it. Some people seem to be surprised that the House of Representatives passed it. Some people seem to be surprised that the emergency clause was attached to it.

Why anyone should doubt that the legislature would pass the bill when it was already the supreme law of the state we do not know. As to the emergency clause, there was, of course, no real emergency since the state was already getting along under a "prohibition" law that the people had voted for thinking it was a real prohibition law. The bill as passed by the House fairly represents the will of the people. It prohibits the importation of liquor for beverage purposes. It makes it necessary for the user of grain alcohol to obtain the prescription of a physician or the permit of a district attorney before he can buy it.

Let us hope no one is so foolish as to drink it. It retains that ancient provision that wine may still be imported in unlimited quantities for sacramental purposes. We would have thought that a great many clergymen who are in favor of prohibition would have resented this provision of the law. If alcohol is dangerous to society, if its total use is to be prohibited in the home, in the club, in the hotel, why would it not be well to prohibit its use in the holiest of places, the church?

PASS THE STERILIZATION BILL.

The sterilization bill has passed the Senate. This is a good bill and should be made a law. It is in accord with modern science and the laws of eugenics. It has the support of leading scientists, psychologists, physicians and educators. The fact is we pay more attention to raising the standard of livestock than we do to raising the standard of the human race, and it's about time that we protect our boys and girls from the danger of growing up

The man that says advertising doesn't pay is like the man who burnt one match under a ten gallon kettle of water and said that fire would not heat water.

Some advertising doesn't pay, but that doesn't signify that it cannot be made to pay.

The OBSERVER with its superior circulation is the paper you need to reach the most buyers in Union and Wallowa Counties at the least cost.

Beautiful Wash Dress Fabrics

Every day brings exclusive novelties to this department and the collections now of dainty wash goods for Spring is far larger and more varied in assortment than we have ever before presented to our customers.

- 36-in. Blazer Silks, plain and striped, rd 25c
- 40-in. Printed Voile, a big selection, ya 30c
- 32-in. Superb Printed Pongee, yard 25c
- 30-in. Golden Cross Organdies, sport st 40c
- 40-in. Illuminated Voile, yard 30c
- 38-in. Printed Poplins, yard 30c
- 36-in. Skirting, white with colored striyard 60c

Buy your wash goods at this store—where you will get quality, lowest price and fast colors.



Picked Up By The Stroller

The postoffice corner is no place for girls with short skirts.

Fred Currey has a speaking tube in his office. He had it lowered two feet so he wouldn't have to crick his neck or stand up when whistling through the tube. Leave it to Fred to have

everything handy.

The wind can whistle at me all it wants too. I won't turn around to look.

The snow has been so deep the stroller hasn't strolled very much lately.

Ellis Kirtley was urged by the Ladies' committee to give an exhibition dance at the Charity Ball. "Horrors, ladies, I can't dance," said Ellis.

Mrs. Wilson's Funeral Tomorrow.
 The funeral of Mrs. C. E. Wilson will be held from J. C. Henry's chapel tomorrow at 1:30 p. m.

No. 17 Arrived at 4:30 P. M.
 No. 17, due at 8:55 a. m., arrived at 4:30 p. m. today. Between 8 and 12, midnight, six trains are expected in Huntington. This will clean up the delayed trains.

Notice to Carpenters.
 All carpenters of La Grande are invited to meet at the Harris hall Thursday evening, February 1, at 7:30 p. m. Business of importance. 1.31-2tpd F. N. FORD.

and marrying a lot of degenerates.

It will take some time to raise the standard of the human race, but with the sterilization bill in effect and a few other common sense bills, it wouldn't take more than fifty years to have fewer criminals in our penitentiaries and fewer insane and feeble-minded in our asylums. We are paying at the present time a frightful price in money and misery for our lack of common sense.

Many a father and mother will read with regret the defeat of the free text book bill. Poor old dad. Nothing ever happens to help his pocket book.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE.

Russians Storm and Capture German Positions In Snow.
 Petrograd, Jan. 31.—(United Press)—It is announced that the Russians advanced in deep snow and stormed and captured the German positions heights, east of Jacobeni. They bayoneted the defenders.

British Lose Over Twelve Thousand Men in January.
 London, Jan. 31.—(United Press)—It is admitted Great Britain lost twelve thousand three hundred and fourteen officers and men in January. Four hundred and nineteen officers were killed and six hundred and fifteen wounded. Eleven thousand eight hundred and ninety-five men killed, seventeen thousand seven hundred and sixty-four wounded, two thousand nine hundred twenty-eight missing.

Germans Destroy Huge Amount of Allies' Shipping.
 Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 31.—(United Press)—It is announced the Allies lost one hundred and fifty-two vessels, aggregating four hundred and fifteen thousand five hundred tons, in December. Two hundred and forty thousand tons were British. The Admiralty announced its intention of stopping hospital ships in certain zones in the English Channel. It is charged the Allies transported troops under the Red Cross flag.

Not Our United Press.

New York, Jan. 31.—A concern operating out of Cleveland, O., is sending to newspapers in this country a great deal of free copy, favorable to the liquor interests. This copy comes in envelopes bearing the return address "The United Press Association, Cleveland, Or."

The United Press associations, with general offices in New York and bureaus in many cities throughout the country, is in no way connected with or responsible for the concern that is circulating this anti-prohibition propaganda and it has instructed its attorneys to institute proceedings to enjoin the methods which make it appear that the United Press associations has abandoned its course of distributing only regular news mater.

Entertains With Dinner Party.

M. E. Walsh entertained with a dinner party last night after the R. O. O. B. meeting in the J. F. Corbett home. His guests were Miss Opal Bryant of Pendleton, Miss J. B. Ryan, Miss Emily Mueller, Mrs. G. Lawrence Sorenson, James McLaughlin, Lawrence Dinneen and Henry Maclaffery.



VIRGINIA PEARSON
 DIRECTION WILLIAM FOX

Dead or Alive!

A dead dollar is the one which is hidden away; which earns you nothing, and which is liable to turn up missing without a moment's notice; or the kind you carelessly push across the counter, for this and that; things you really don't need—then wonder in a week's time where they have gone.

A live dollar is the one which you place in this bank, where it is always safe. They will call for company; the result is, more saving; then when opportunity arrives, you are financially able to meet it with open arms, and a bank account.

La Grande National Bank

RICHEY PIANO HOUSE TAXPAYER IN LA GRANDE 30 YEARS

HOME INSTITUTION
 SPECIALTY IN HIGH GRADE PIANOS

- KNABE
- IVERS & POND
- POOLE
- BUSH & GERTS
- SCHULZ
- MAYNARD
- WERNER
- BENNETT
- HADDORFF
- HALLETT & DAVIS
- EMERSON
- KNABE



- SOHMER
- POOLE
- BUSH & GERTS
- SCHULZ
- HADDORFF
- BENNETT
- STERLING
- HUNTINGTON
- EMERSON

FINEST LINE REPRESENTED BY ANY ONE HOUSE

A real selection to choose from, fresh from factories. We do not confine ourselves to a few pianos shipped in from North Powder. We do not hawk our goods from town to town. Why buy pianos culled over several times before reaching La Grande. We do not sell worked over second pianos for new. Prices and qualities count. We invite a comparison. Call and examine and convince yourself regarding qualities.

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